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Maritime Advisory Board

March 15, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Maritime Advisory Board of the City of Annapolis was held on March 15, 2011 at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center. Chair Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Present: Chair Lomax, Outtrim, Fegley, Franke, Gosselin, Woodward, Hood, Allan

Absent: Coleman (Excused), Buchheister (Excused)

Staff: F. Walters, T. Hook-Recorder

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. February 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gosselin moved to approve the February 15, 2011 meeting as amended. Mr. Franke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

B. Year-end Summary

A copy of the Annual Report of the Board's activities was included in the Board's agenda packet for review. The report has been submitted to the City's Clerk Office.

C. Committee Assignments

Chair Lomax explained that the City Council has three standing Committees that review the Board's activities and these are Environmental Matters, Rules and City Government as well as Economic Matters. He suggested that a member of the Board volunteer or be assigned to monitor the activities of these committees and report back monthly. The committees' information will be distributed via email and members were asked to consider which one to monitor.

D. City Dock Advisory Committee – (CDAC)

Mr. Walters reported that the last CDAC meeting included more stakeholder presentations and the next three upcoming meetings will be dedicated to stakeholder presentations as well. He noted that the notes of the presentations are compiled by Dr. Sally Nash and agreed to provide these notes to the Chair for distribution to the Board. The most important topic of concern from the residents was to eliminate the City Dock parking. Once the stakeholders meetings are completed it is believed that the Commission will divide into subcommittees to discuss the ideas raised at these meetings.

E. Fawcett's Property Update/PC 3-17-11 Decision

Chair Lomax unable to attend the meeting but was informed that the applicant provided an extensive presentation on the economic benefits and the change of use. The Planning Commission requested additional information from staff so the voting on the ordinance was deferred to an upcoming agenda.

F. Boards and Commissions Workshop Report

Mr. Outtrim reported on the Boards and Commission workshop held on February 24, 2011 explaining that he believes that it was tailored to quasi judicial Committees/Boards. He went over the recommended changes to the minute template and what can/cannot be included in the minutes. In essence, they would prefer the minutes to be streamlined. Also the agenda and

minutes template will also include an ADA statement at the bottom. All the Boards/Committees meeting minutes will be posted online for reviewing. The Board thanked Mr. Outtrim for attending the workshop on behalf of the Board.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2012 Blue Angels

Mr. Walters explained that this will be the last year for the Blue Angels two-days of practice and air show but there will continue to be a fly over at graduation. NAVAIR believes that there would be more attendance and public relations/recruitment benefit at the New York show Memorial Day weekend, than at an Annapolis show that weekend. He intends to contact the Naval Academy Alumni Association and Senator Mikulski to help with getting the show back to Annapolis.

B. Maritime Zoning Recommendation

Chair Lomax provided a copy of the transcript excerpt from the February 15, 2011 meeting regarding a comprehensive review of the maritime zoning and asked if the Board wanted to amend the language. Once the language is finalized, it will be incorporated into a letter to the Mayor. He clarified some of the concerns involve inconsistencies between the zones; the last review was in 1987 which is the inception of the zones; and there was no action on the Comprehensive Plan recommendations of 1998 or the current Comprehensive Plan; the maritime zones have evolved but the zones have not caught up with this evolution; must preserve and promote maritime so that it does not die by attrition; the goal is maritime not just the maritime industry; attract maritime visitors; suggested that there be a qualified panel of maritime industry representatives in cooperation with AEDC; and include local stakeholders. Ms. Gosslein suggested adding "attracting maritime visitors" would be a good addition so that this will be a place to welcome boats so that boaters have a good place to stay.

C. Dredging

Mr. Walters explained that OP Sail 2012 is hoping to bring some tall ships to Annapolis and Baltimore in June 2012. There will be navy fleets units from various locations from around the world. However, Mr. Walters stated that dredging of a 25-foot channel would be necessary to accommodate the larger boats. There is concern regarding what economic benefits would be achieved through the City dredging a 25-foot channel. He concluded that Ms. Farrow will be meeting with the Mayor who in turn will meet with Ms. Fritts of AEDC to discuss the matter.

D. Maritime Advisory Board Template

Chair Lomax explained that the City is now requesting that each Board/Commission use a logo template for their agendas and minutes which was provided by Ms. Raftovich. The purpose of these templates is to standardize all the agenda/minutes of the City Boards and Commissions.

E. Charter Amendment CA-2-11

Chair Lomax met with Alderman Arnett and Ms. Cowles to review the Charter Amendment C-2-11. He explained that there are two taxes that apply to maritime uses that are the property (for rental, etc.) and personal property taxes. He met with Alderman Arnett and Ms. Cowles to get further clarification on what this would entail for the maritime businesses.

F. Bill O-12-11

This ordinance was introduced for the purpose of relocating the Harbormaster's Office under the Recreation and Parks Departments. The ordinance was referred to the Rules and City Government Committee for review. Mr. Walters strongly supports the ordinance as written.

III. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2011. With there being no further business, Mr. Woodward moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder